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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens was fully steady to firm, with the lighter weights in the firmest position due to limited availability. The market tone on whole body toms was fully steady. Trading was light on sales for prompt shipments. Demand was light to moderate for both fresh and frozen whole body. Offerings were light. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow. Demand was mixed, with most interest noted for export.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums, mechanically separated turkey and thigh meat, balance light. Demand was moderate. Supplies are generally short of requirements and held with confidence. The market trend continues to be steady to instances firm.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 16, 2003**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/ WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/ VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-70	65-68	66.50	320	70.00	80	NOV	280	OCT
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-67	65-67	65.26	108	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	64	64.00	14	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-70	64-66	64.41	390	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-68	67-68	67.20	100	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-65	63	63.00	10	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-65	63	63.00	20	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

**WEEK OF OCTOBER 17, 2003** **CURRENT** **LAST** **SAME WEEK**  
**WEEK** **WEEK** **YEAR AGO**

8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	65.35	64.58	68.00
CENTRAL REGION	65.55	64.46	65.92
WESTERN REGION	66.29	64.19	66.75
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	63.00	62.50	55.90
CENTRAL REGION	64.00	62.63	56.00 **
WESTERN REGION	63.00	64.35	58.00

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	69-71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	68-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	74-78

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	90-109
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	79-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	94-105

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION  
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 20-OCT-2003**

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	76.27	310	73.00 100
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	76.02	230	72.33 60
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)	77.00	80	74.00 40
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		400	160

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)  
SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

SEPTEMBER	438,393*
OCTOBER 1-11, 2003	166,041*
To date 2003	4,460,306*
To date 2002	4,057,082*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 11-Oct-2003  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
		<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	860	-2	21.79	(A)	862 21.79
SATL	845	8	29.04	(A)	847 29.04
N CENT	2,185	3	30.80	(A)	2,187 30.80
S CENT	447	-7	20.54	(A)	449 20.54
WEST	468	-5	24.77	(A)	470 24.77
U.S. TOTAL	4,805(B)	1	27.33	10	4,815 27.33
TO-DATE					
2003	190,407(B)			563	190,970
TO-DATE					
2002	189,628(B)			359	189,987

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 88,000; for the year 2,577,000; last year to date 2,176,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

W/E 11-Oct-2003

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	1,848	2,869	88	10	4,815
AVG WT	15.80	34.86	23.92	26.55	27.33
LAST WEEK	1,929	2,743	78	10	4,760
SAME WK YR AGO	1,631	2,926	93	15	4,665
AVG WT	15.82	35.23	24.70	26.48	28.21
TO-DATE/2003	76,450	111,380	2,577	563	190,970
TO-DATE/2002	75,405	112,047	2,176	359	189,987

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 OCTOBER 2003.

The undertone on tom full-cut wings was fully steady to firm, balance of tom bulk parts steady to fully steady mostly steady. Demand light to fair as buyers start turning their attention to November holiday needs. Offerings of tom bulk parts ranged from short of buyers' need on full-cut wings to light at best on the balance of items. The undertone on hen bulk parts was steady to firm. Demand fair with offerings sometimes short of buyers' needs. The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts was steady to instances firm with private labels in the strongest position. Inquiry light to fair for the limited offerings. Trading slow on all items. Some fresh wing meat traded at 72 cents delivered domestic and fresh tom drums 41-42 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	90.00-95.00		92.50	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	83.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	42.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	43.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	42.00	5
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	36.00		36.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	32.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	42.00		42.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	20.00		20.00	40
NECKS, HEN		T	19.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	126.00	33
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	165.50-168.00		166.28	180
THIGH MEAT		R	93.00	6
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		W	93.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	84.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		R	83.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	118.44	71
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.50		68.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	27.36	42
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	43.50		43.50	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	22.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	29.00		29.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	93.00		93.00	40

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on tom bulk parts was steady to firm, mostly steady. Demand light to moderate, buyers starting to turn more of their attention to the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Supplies of tom bulk parts ranged from tight to barely adequate. The market tone on hen bulk parts was also fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate, with offerings falling short of current needs. Trading light on all items.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/ R	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
					WTD AVG PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	92.50	80	92.50	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	83.00	80		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	42.00-43.00		42.86	93	42.86	93
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	42.00-43.00		42.33	122	42.49	162
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	42.00		42.00	20	42.00	25
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	33.00		33.00	20	34.45	89
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	32.00	12	32.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	41.00-43.00		42.00	60	41.73	300
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	69.00		69.00	20	69.00	20
NECKS, TOM	19.00-20.00		19.63	107	20.00	167
NECKS, HEN		T	19.00	14	19.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	160.00		160.00	120	163.77	300
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	91.00-96.00		92.33	120	92.50	160
BREAST TRIM MEAT	88.00-92.00		89.49	71	89.49	71
SCAPULA MEAT	85.00		85.00	16	85.00	16
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	66.00-75.00		70.82	180	69.11	260
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	118.00-120.00		119.00	124	119.00	124
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	29.00		29.00	40	29.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	25.00-29.00		27.53	418	27.53	418
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	40.00-42.00		40.77	592	40.81	912
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	22.00-25.00		23.67	120	23.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	27.00		27.00	160	27.40	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	92.00		92.00	200	92.17	240

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